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SUBJ: GDR STATEMENT ON REPARATIONS

SUMMARY: AHRAM REPORTS GDR EMBASSY HAD DENIED ALLEGED STATEMENT BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL THAT GDR WILL HOLD TALKS ON POSSIBILITY OF PAYING COMPENSATION TO JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZIS.
END SUMMARY.

1. AHRAM SEPTEMBER 10 HAS EXCLUSIVE FRONT PAGE STORY REPORTING GDR CHARGE IN CAIRO WILL DELIVER NOTE, ON INSTRUCTIONS, TO EGYPTIAN MFA EXPLAINING GDR VIEW ON REPARATIONS TO JEWS FOR NAZI ATROCITIES.

2. ITEM CONTINUES THAT AHRAM HAD RECEIVED SPECIAL REPORT QUOTING US STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS HAVING STATED GDR HAS AGREED TO HOLD TALKS ON POSSIBILITY OF PAYING REPARATIONS TO JEWISH VICTIMS OF NIZISM FOLLOWING "RESTORATION" OF USG/GDR RELATIONS.

3. NEWSPAPER QUOTES GDR EMBASSY SPOKESMAN AS HAVING MADE PRESS STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

A) GDR POLICY IS NOT RPT NOT TO PAY REPARATIONS TO ANY COUNTRY OR ORGANIZATION. GDR PAID REPARATIONS IN 1945 TO POLAND AND USSR IN ACCORDANCE WIT POSTDAM AGREEMENT.

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B) GDR TOTALLY REJECTS PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO ISRAEL OR

ANY OTHER JEWISH OR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION FOR WHAT ARE CALLED
NAZI ATROCITIES BECAUSE GDR IS NOT THE HEIR OF THE THIRD REICH.
C) COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON "RESTORATION" OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICA AND GDR DID NOT INCLUDE AN INDICATION
THAT GDR HAD PLEDGED TO PAY REPARATIONS TO AMERICAN COMPANIES
AND TO INDIVIDUALS TO COMPENSATE FOR GOVERNMENT CONFISCATION
OF THEIR PROPERTY OR THEIR COMPANIES.
D) GDR HAS NOT RPT PUBLICICLY OR SECRETLY AGREED IN ITS
CONVERSATIONS WITH USG TO PRINCIPLE OF REPARATIONS FOR ISRAEL
FOR ATROCITIES OF THIRD REICH.
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